CHANNELS DIVISION.

Notice dated 16th January 1906.

A sum of Rs. 2-9-3 is due in the accounts of this office to one Dodsiddegowda for constructing the masonry dam at the left bank of Devarai Anekat. Payment will be made to Dodsiddegowda if he appears before this office within one month from this date or to any one claiming the above within one month from this date and on production of a certificate from the nearest Magistrate that he is the legal heir of Dodsiddegowda. Otherwise the amount will be credited to Government.

V. AIYASAWMI IYER,
Executive Engineer.

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF COORG.

Notification, Bangalore, the 8th January 1906.

No. 2. Tenders are invited for the exclusive right of the sale of opium, preparations or admixtures of opium, and intoxicating drugs prepared from the poppy other than preparations or admixtures of opium used for smoking, in the Province of Coorg for three years, *viz.*, from the 1st April 1906 to 31st March 1909. The tenders for the above must be made subject to the following conditions:—

2. A deposit of Rs. 100 must accompany the tender. The covers should be superscribed with the words—

"Tenders for the sale of opium, preparations or admixtures of opium, and intoxicating drugs prepared from the poppy other than preparations or admixtures of opium used for smoking" and must be sent to the Commissioner of Coorg on or before 12 noon, on Thursday the 8th March 1906, after which no tender will be received.

3. The tenders shall specify the amount which the parties tendering undertake to pay to Government annually as rent for the exclusive privilege of sale of the said articles. The rent will be payable in advance, that is, on 1st July, 1st October and 1st January of each year.

4. The tenders will be opened by the Commissioner, or in his absence, by one of the Assistant Commissioners at Mercara, at noon on Friday the 9th March 1906, in the presence of those applicants who may be present. The final disposal of the tenders will, however, rest with the Chief Commissioner of Coorg who reserves to himself full power to reject any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason. The deposits made by the applicants whose tenders are rejected will be returned to them.

5. The applicant whose tender may be accepted by the Chief Commissioner shall be required to deposit within three days a further sum in cash, or currency notes, or Government Promissory notes to make up together with the deposits previously made, a sum equal to half of the annual payment or rent guaranteed, such deposits being eventually credited towards the instalments due for the half-year, ending with 31st March, 1909, and further he shall, within ten days of the acceptance of his tender by the Chief Commissioner, execute an agreement in the prescribed form on stamp paper binding himself to conform to the rules prescribed under the Opium Act, I of 1878, and shall give security for the due fulfilment of the engagement entered into by him, and if he fails to do so, the deposits already made shall be forfeited to Government and the contract shall be otherwise disposed of.

6. In the event of the contractor failing to pay up any instalment on the date on which it falls due, the Commissioner of Coorg shall be at liberty at once to cancel the contract, and to confiscate the deposit, the lease being re-sold at the contractor's risk.

7. The number of shops to be opened for sale of the articles aforesaid in Coorg is restricted to three, *viz.*, one at Mercara (Mahadevapet), one at Virajendrapet and one at Gonicopal.

8. No other shops than those specified in paragraph 7 above, shall be opened except under the special sanction of the Commissioner.

9. The persons appointed by the contractor to vend by retail at the several shops above enumerated must be furnished by him with licenses approved and countersigned by the Commissioner of Coorg according to the forms prescribed by law.

10. All opium required for vend must be procured through the Commissioner of Coorg on payment of the price fixed by the Chief Commissioner and on the expiry of the contract the incoming contractor shall be bound to take over, if so required by the Commissioner, any opium, preparations or admixtures of opium and intoxicating drugs prepared from the poppy other than preparations or admixtures of opium used for smoking that may remain unexpended belonging to the former contractor to the extent of two months' supply at such price and in such quantities as the Commissioner shall adjudge.

11. Further particulars may be ascertained on application to the Commissioner of Coorg, Mercara.

R. C. H. M. KING,
Secretary to the Chief Commissioner.